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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON THE OGADEN

REFS: LONDON 17243; PARIS 30316

1. AS MOOSE WILL DISCUSS WITH GRAHAM, US CONTINUES TO
FEEL THAT PROPOSED OCTOBER 24 MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE
TO PERMIT ALLIES TO CONSULT UPON RESULT OF SOUNDINGS AND
DISCUSS UTILITY OF PURSUING ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE
SUPPORTIVE OF THE OAU MEDIATION EFFORT.

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2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT ATMOSPHERE SEEMS HARDLY
PROPITIOUS FOR WESTERN INITIATIVE THROUGH UNSC OR
ELSEWHERE, THERE MAY BE SOME VALUE TO CONTINUED
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WHICH AT LEAST ESTABLISHES RECORD
OF WESTERN CONCERN RATHER THAN INDIFFERENCE TO THE
CONFLICT. IN ANY CASE WE SEE MERIT IN ROUNDING OUT
CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALL FOUR PARTICIPANTS AS ORIGINALLY

FORESEEN BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH ARE AGREEABLE TO MEETING. IF UK
AGREEABLE ONLY FRG REMAINS TO BE HEARD FROM. MOOSE
MIGHT SUGGEST THAT BRITISH INVITE OTHERS TO RETURN FOR
ONE DAY SESSION OCTOBER 24 OR SUCH OTHER DATES NEXT
WEEK WHICH THEY PREFER.

4. WHILE THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME CONFUSION AT
END OCTOBER 4 MEETING AS TO WHO SHOULD CONTACT WHOM,
WE BELIEVE MACHEL'S VIEWS MAY BE VALUABLE AND BELIEVE
BRITISH EFFORT TO ELICIT THEM WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. VANCE

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